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EDITORIAL NOTES AND COMMENTS

Beloved, if you would be one of God's heroes, even more than a conqueror in life's great battle, then give yourself entirely to the Lord in complete surrender and all of the fullness of the God head will be on your side.

Bro. J. C. Simpson, of State Springs, says: "I can't do without Record. I feel that one copy worth more to me than the price for a year." We have no doubt that our brother feels the paper carefully all through, and possibly, sometimes more than once. We thank Brother S. for his encouraging words and hope he may ever find profit in his paper.

In a private note from Bro. Chas. Lovejoy, pastor at Reoliz, enclosing cash for THE RECORD, he lets out just a little of the Christian joy he feels over the success of his people in building such an excellent church house as they have secured. You remember Bro. Seavey gave us some account of it in a recent letter. We greatly rejoice with our brother and the Reoliz saints in the accomplishment of such a good work in these narrow times.

If you will read Bro. E. H. Green's article on "Our College" in this Record, you will see how you can

I-COR. 15:35—THE RESURRECTION BODY.

"But some one will say, how are the dead raised up and with what body do they come?"
The text brings our attention to a question which is interesting, comprehensive and profound. The apostle put the question as coming from one who is disposed to reject the doctrine of the resurrection on the ground that it is absurdity. But the same inquiry comes from those among us, not because they decline to believe the doctrine, but because they really want to know what the nature of the resurrected body is.

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THAT BLANK SIDE.

We tried to explain why we sent out a part of our paper last week with only one side printed and hoped our people understood and would believe that we did the best we could under the circumstances. We had an awful flood of rain, which broke into our press-room in a very unexpected way and ruined nearly half of our paper. All we could do was to get new paper and print on one side, the two pages that would be in type, which we thought better than not to issue the paper at all. Half or more of our subscribers got the full paper, the remaining half got only one-half of the paper. We will aim to make things better in their accounts on a settlement.

NOTE: PAUL'S ANSWER.

1. There are a great diversity of bodies in the universe of material things. These phenomena are 2. The nature of these diverse forms or bodies are determined by the character of the life principles which animate them, and of which they are outward expressions. 3. These all are determined by the will of him, who created them. God has given them a body as it has pleased him.

1. Now, Paul applies the above facts in nature to the resurrection. He draws four powerful contrasts between the body laid in the grave, and the resurrection body of the saints.

(1) He says the body, down, or laid in the grave, is in a state of corruption—disfigurement actually going on before it goes into the earth, down in corruption, but raised in incorruption. The resurrection body requires undimmed forever, no blight ever falls upon it, no hand of decay is laid upon it forever.

2. The word rendered "dishonor," was in common use among the Greeks to express a kind of outlivity involving loss of the rights of citizenship and protection by the State. In spite of the sanctity and sympathy expressed in the burial of our dead, our funeral pomp is but a mask, hiding the truth, that the body carried to the grave, has lost the rights of humanity. It is left in the charnel house of corruption as we would not leave the body of the meanest living man. But the resurrection body "is raised in glory." It has now, more than a mere honor, such as is due to humanity in this life; it will be endowed with such a wealth of splendor, as to evoke the admiration, not alone of mortal men, but of the higher intelligences be the far off chimes of light.

(3) It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. The form laid dead in the grave is now utterly helpless. The highest expression of weakness; it cannot resist the ravages of decay, but it is raised in power. It is endowed with the marvelous capacity to resist the empire of decay. The laws under which our bodies are held down will be utterly powerless to limit or restrain the resurrection body of the believer.

(4) The climax of these contrasts between the body laid dead in the grave and the resurrection body, Paul reaches in the declaration: "It is sown a natural or soul body and is raised a spiritual body."

In this contrast Paul emphasizes not so much the conditions in which the body is buried and raised as he does the constitution of the dead and rising bodies as derived from the first and second Adam. He looks at man as a complex being, combining a twofold nature even in the form of creation. Man was endowed with this twofold nature in his creation. There were in him from the beginning a soul and spiritual nature. The soul is the element in man's being fitted him for converse with the material world. The spiritual element in his being prepared him for converse or communion with God, the essence and source of all spiritual being. The material body was to be the instrument of flesh and blood and sense organs by which the soul and side of man was to hold converse with the world of sensible objects, as looking, hearing, touching, acting in accordance with the demands of his material surroundings. In the economy of creation, the soul side of the man was put under the control of the spiritual edow-

ment within him. If the soul side of man's nature had remained in subordination to the spiritual, which was designed to be the administrative power in communion with and under the direction of the Spirit of God, there would have been no fall, no sin. There would have been progress in a spiritual development. Along this highway of spiritual progress man would have reached the goal of his spiritual being. Both the soul and side and its instrument of communication (the body) with the world, would have become the instrument of the spiritual nature.

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Our brother's views of doctrine are the better, but rather his administration of the affairs of the General Association, over which he has so long and so paternally presided, and the policies of that body to which he and a few others have given shape and held so long and so firmly in its present mold. Right here came in the remark of his conservatism being "a mit too conservative." Well, he and all of our readers will remember that it was not our charge, but that we said we had heard others express the opinion. Now just what they meant we could only guess. We were not talking about

throughout, and now our sympathies are aroused for our people, in the fact that they must after this sumptuous banquet, partake of the ordinary "bacon and cabbage" diet. We were glad to have those brethren with us, and feel quite sure the well prepared and well presented addresses have been most profitable and helpful. We are working up the actual contribution among ourselves.

It is a double misfortune for a church to have a member who because of his ability to give money, insists on having the pre-eminence in the direction and management of church matters. It greatly handicaps his own usefulness and is a blighting obstruction and hindrance to religious progress. Every church that is not so afflicted ought to thank God for the blessing and pray earnestly for those that are, for they are. This is not written because we have any such, for we have not, but we have known them and deplore them.

We note a pleasant call from Bro. C. E. Smith, one of our missionaries to Africa. He is on his way with his family back to his post of duty on the "Dark Continent," and stopped for a short visit with Bro. and Sister David, his former associates in the work. His children are sick with measles but he hopes to be off in a very few days. It is a most singular how anxious these missionaries are to get back to their work when their visit and resting

at home. May God speed Bro. Smith and his loved ones to their African home and work and greatly bless them there.

It was a real pleasure to hear, while in New Orleans, such good things said about our friends, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Dods. Both have taken high rank among the people of the city. Col. Dods stands in the front line at the city, where there are not a few first class lawyers and Miss "Shelly" is recognized among the best of the noble women. But what is most gratifying, they are both active and efficient members of the First Baptist church, rendering Bro. J. F. Parker, who is their pastor, very encouraging and helpful assistance in his work.

R. H. Woodward Company, Baltimore, Md., announce a new book "Story of Spain and Cuba." This book is written by Mr. Nathan C. Green, the well-known author and former resident of Cuba. It is beautifully illustrated with nearly 100 engravings and is sold by subscription.

identity of the Lord's true kingdom on the earth.

Bro. Hodges, the wide-awake bishop of Stonewall Station, had a fine temperance meeting with his young people on last Saturday night, in which a leading feature was a lecture by Bro. W. H. Patton, of Shubuta. It was a most enjoyable and profitable meeting. Bro. Patton, instead of taking away any remuneration for his services, donated it to the local circulating library which Bro. Hodges and his people are getting up for general improvement. Who will go and do likewise?

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We are grateful to Prof. J. R. Sampey for a copy of the annual catalogue of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary for the current session of 1895-96. Next to seeing this great school of our preachers in full operation; is to read about and know what they are doing. This annual gives a fine and full resume of all its work, with the names of all engaged, both in teachers and students and also a full range of all the studies. It greatly stirs our gratitude when we look over this excellent document and observe what is being done for our young preachers who are soon to be among the leaders of the forces of our Zion and also that it is the largest, full and best institution of its kind on the American continent. It is now in its 37th session with an enrollment of 316, students a gain of 17 percent over any previous session. It has a splendid faculty of six full professors and four assistants, all of whom will compare most favorably with any school in the land. It has gathered its students from thirty different States and Territories and five foreign countries, and of course, will by them in the future extend its influence in all of these regions. Its students are from 103 different colleges, and 250 of them have had partial or full courses in these colleges.

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